



Whitley News



26th June 2026

As another wonderfully busy week draws to a close at Whitley, it certainly feels as though the weather has been trying to keep us on our toes! From glorious sunshine that had us reaching for our sun hats to dramatic thunderstorms, our week has been full of excitement and plenty of opportunities for our children to let their light shine - whatever the forecast! The sunshine certainly smiled on Year 2 as they enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tynemouth beach. The children were fascinated by everything they discovered, from the sea life to the sights and sounds of the coastline. There was plenty of laughter as they buried one another in the sand, built impressive sandcastles and even enjoyed a little splash in the sea. Eight of our lucky pupils also represented Whitley brilliantly at the NUFC Academy football tournament. Much like the week's changing weather, their confidence grew stronger with every game they played. We were thrilled about Harry's goal and some superb saves from Lexi, River, Robbie and Alfie throughout the tournament. Even more importantly, they demonstrated our school values and Personal Development focus of caring for our community by staying behind to help collect all of the rubbish and equipment for the coaches at the end of the event. Wednesday brought another exciting adventure as Year 1 visited Whitehouse Farm. From holding snakes and feeding a variety of animals to enjoying the play park, the children embraced every opportunity with huge smiles on their faces. One of the biggest highlights was the tractor ride, which many children were still talking about when they returned to school.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils travelled to St Benets to take part in a fantastic Tag Rugby Festival. Staff and children alike reported what an enjoyable experience it was, with everyone demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one week, today brings two more fantastic trips. Year 5 are heading to the Life Science Centre and are making history as the first year group to trial travelling by train to Newcastle. We are hopeful this will open the door to many more affordable visits in the future, giving even more children the opportunity to enjoy exciting learning experiences beyond the classroom. Alongside the journey itself, they are looking forward to a day packed with fascinating science and discovery. Our EYFS children are also enjoying an adventure today as they visit Rising Sun Country Park. They will be exploring nature through pond dipping, bug hunting and discovering the wonderful wildlife around them. Whether under blue skies or dodging the occasional rumble of thunder, we know they will have an amazing day exploring the great outdoors.

What an incredible week and there is still so much to look forward to in the coming weeks, with Transition Day, Sports Days and our Year 6 performance all just around the corner. It promises to be a fantastic end to another memorable school year.

Have a wonderful weekend, whatever the weather and thank you as always for your continued support of our Whitley family.

Mrs Roome

All our photographs from this week will be added to Facebook for everyone to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember all dates are subject to change and events may be added as the term goes on.

Date	Event
30.06.26	Y6 Transition Visit to Bedlington Academy Y6 Transition Day 1 to St Benet Biscop Whole School Transition morning
01.07.26	Y6 Transition Day 2 to St Benet Biscop
02.07.26	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day – Morning – Please respond to your parent letter with all the information about sports day. Year 3 Parent Share – Afternoon
03.07.26	Y6 Performance – Please arrive to be seated around 1:50pm. The show will start at 2pm.
08.07.26	Y3 visit to Great North Museum Y1 Parent Share Y6 Prom in the evening
09.07.26	KS2 Sports Day – Please respond to your parent letter with all the information about sports day.
14.07.26	Y6 Flamingo Land Visit
16.07.26	Y6 Leaver's Service St Cuthbert's Church 1:30 – 2:30 – Parents Welcome. Children can leave after the service with a parent.
17.07.26	Last Day of Term Whole School Church Service School finishes at 1:30pm



What an amazing week for school attendance – great work everyone.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	96.7
Year 1	94.1
Year 2	93.1
Year 3	97.8
Year 4	95.9
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	95.9
Overall	95.6